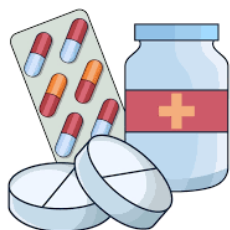


Medication FAQs for parents



During their time at the setting, your child might require medication. We have a strict policy and procedure around medication. We have summarised some of these points in this helpful guide.

What medication can the setting give my child?

When possible, medication should be given at home. The setting can administer prescribed and some non-prescribed medications, provided all the necessary information is in place and correct. Please do not leave any medication in your child's bag.

Non prescribed medication

Paracetamol (Calpol) - We request your advanced **permission** to administer paracetamol to your child in the event they develop a high temperature during their session at the setting. Before administering it, we will contact you to request verbal consent and, if possible, consent online. We will also confirm the dose and ask if they have had any other doses of Paracetamol or other medication in the last 24 hours.

Please note, you will be asked to come and collect your child within an hour and if necessary, seek medical advice before they return to the setting. Your child will not be able to return to the setting until they are free from requiring paracetamol.

Teething gel/ granules – please provide a signed letter/ note to confirm consent for this medication to be given as per the directions in the box. It will be added online, and your acknowledgment will be required. Please ensure that it's in the original packaging.

Nappy cream - please provide a signed letter/note to confirm consent for this medication to be given as per the directions in the box. It will be added online, and your acknowledgment will be required. Please ensure that it is in its original packaging.

Prescribed medication

If your child is unwell, then they should stay at home to get better. If prescribed medication is required at the setting, please ensure the following:

- You send it in the original box
- Prescription label is attached in English and legible
- The medication has been prescribed within the last week (short term) or within the last 6 weeks (long term)
- You provide the correct tool (spoon, syringe, spacer) to administer the medication
- The dose and frequency you request matches what is stated on the prescription label

Please note, your child must be off for 24 hours before returning to the setting if prescribed medication.

How do I request medication to be given to my child?

Short term medication

At drop-off you must speak to your child's key person, or another team member. A form will then be completed with you online. You **must** acknowledge the medication request before we can administer it.

Long term medication

When registering your child or in the event of a new long-term medication being required, a discussion must be with either a member of management, main first aider or key person to gather the necessary information to administer the medication. Long term medication includes scheduled medication, for example daily application of cream and unscheduled medication, for example an EpiPen. This will include the completion of a health care plan which will need to be reviewed every 6 weeks. This will then be added online and **must** be acknowledged by you before it can be administered.

Who in the setting will give my child medication?

Only level 3 qualified or above practitioners who have completed the induction process can administer medication; there will always be a witness present. It will then be logged

online where you will be able to see details of time/ dose; your acknowledgement will be requested.

Further information we need from you

Please ensure that you inform the setting immediately if anything changes regarding the medication or medical condition. If you have given a dose at a different time which will require adjustment in dosage time at the setting, you must also inform us immediately.

For full details on our medication policy and procedure, please contact the setting management for a copy of our policy.